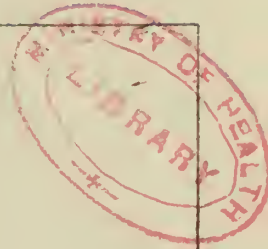


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FOR THE YEAR 1941.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough  
of Buckingham, acting by the Council as an Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the  
Medical Officer of Health for the year 1941.

I commenced my term of Office in May, succeeding Dr.  
R.Y.Stones, who resigned to take up a position in Malta. This  
report is drawn up with the assistance of Mr G.B.Chilvers, your  
Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

Evacuation has not caused any great problem during  
the year, a number of people have returned to their home towns  
and it is estimated that the population is now 4,500 being 500  
less than previous year.

There is however a distinct shortage of houses due  
to the increased population and the erection of two new factories  
in the town and the use of other buildings as factories.

The paintworks at Castle Mills have also increased the  
number of their employees owing to w.r demands, and with regard  
to these works, serious complaints have been made as to the  
smell which emanates therefrom and steps have been taken to deal  
with the matter.

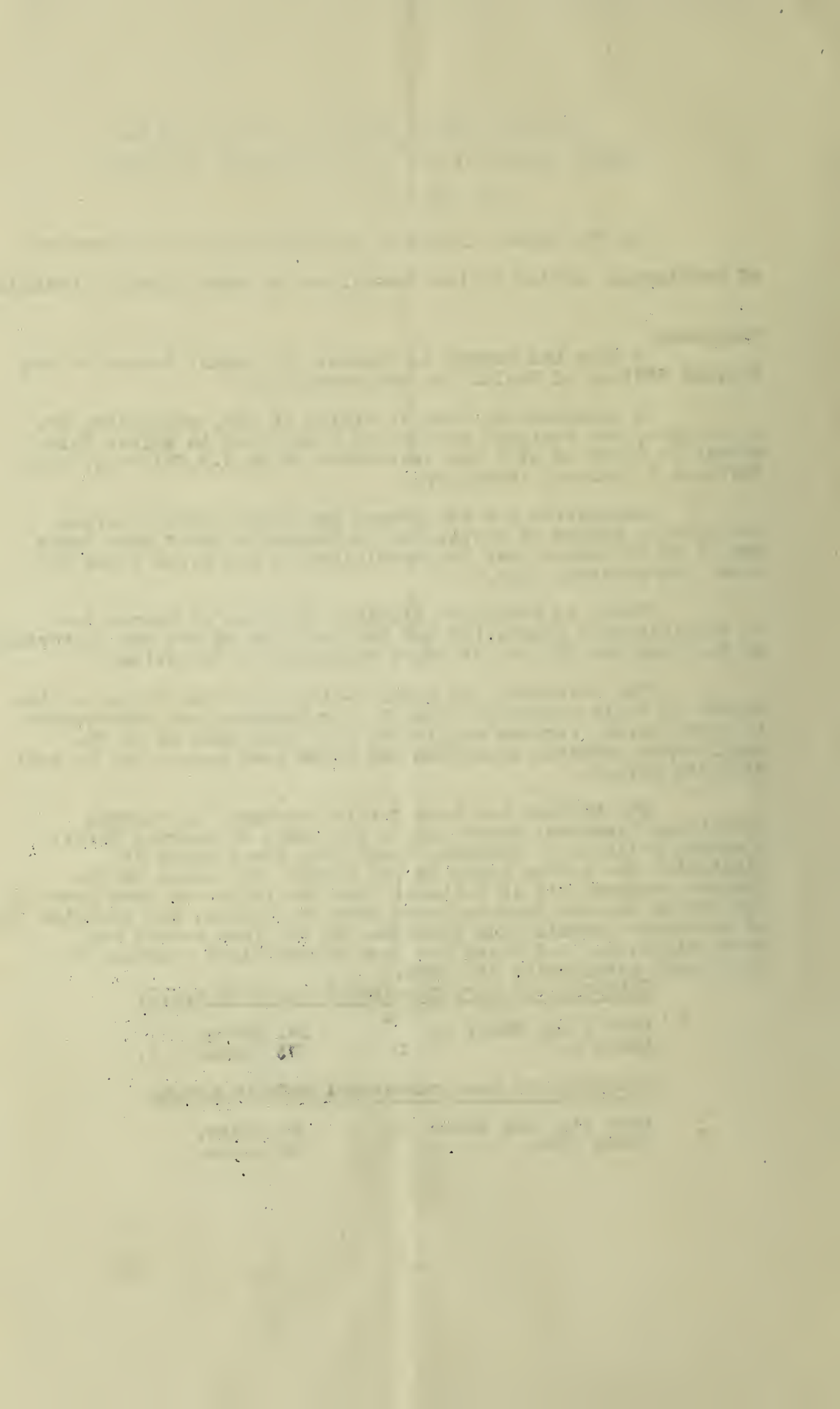
The Borough has been fairly fortunate as regards  
infectious diseases; there were a few cases of Scarlet Fever;  
a slight epidemic of Whooping Cough; and three cases of  
Diphtheria, the latter being in one family; no spread of the  
disease occurred; it is believed that the infection came from  
the father who was home on leave from the forces. The campaign  
of diphtheria immunisation mentioned in the last report has  
been intensified and there has been an excellent response to  
the appeal made during the year.

Children who have received 2 doses of A.C.P.

Over 5 and under 15.	151 cases.
Under 5.	15 cases.

Children who have received 1 dose of A.C.P.

Over five and under 15.	57 cases.
Under five.	32 cases.



A. VITAL STATISTICS.

1941.

Area. 5723 a.

Registrar General's estimate  
of population, 4672.

Number of inhabited houses. 1118.

Rateable Value. £21956.

Sum represented by a penny rate. £90.

Rates. 13/4d.

Live Births	(Legitimate	M.	F.
	(Illegitimate.	26	28
		3	3.

Still Births.	(Legitimate.	4	1.
	(Illegitimate.	-	-

Deaths of infants under 1 year.			
	Legitimate.	-	-
	Illegitimate.	-	-

B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.1. Public Health Officials. Mayor: Councillor T.H.Smith.Public Health Committee.

Chairman. Alderman A.E.Busby.

Aldermen C.W.Cantell, F.Holton, J.M.Tilley.  
 Councillors, The Rt.Hon.Lord Addington, J.G.Denny, E.T.Hawes,  
 Hon F.S.Hubbard, W.S.Pringle, O.Rodwell, P.J.Small,  
 W.H.Thomas, S.G.Williams, W.A.Griffiths.

Public Health Officers..Temporary Medical Officer of Health.

R.Y.Stones, O.B.E., M.C., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H., until May.

Janet C.Ronaldson, M.B., D.P.H.(London). from May.

The M.O.H. is also M.O.H. for Bletchley U.D.C.  
 and Assistant County Medical Officer, Bucks.

Sanitary Inspector.

George Belson Chilvers, F.I.S.E., M.Inst.M & Cty Eng,  
 Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute.



1. 1990年12月25日，在“九七”香港回归前夕，香港各界人士纷纷发表文章，讨论香港回归后的前途。其中，有一篇文章指出，香港回归后，其经济地位将发生根本性的变化，从“自由港”变为“自由港+自由贸易区”。

## 2. Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements made with the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service of the School of Pathology, Oxford, to perform pathological investigations continues.

## 3. Ambulance Facilities remain as heretofore.

## 4. Nursing in the Home remains as heretofore.

## 5. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

(a) Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.-- The Welfare Centre has been continued at the Oddfellow's Hall and has carried on its functions satisfactorily. The national pool milk has been available for supply to mothers but there seems to have been no shortage of fresh or certain brands of tinned milk so the demand for pool milk has not arisen. The free issue of Cod Liver Oil and Blackcurrant Juice is available for infants.

Other clinics under this head have been held as in previous years.

## 6. Hospitals.

No change in the hospitals serving this area has occurred since the last report.

# C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

## 1. Water.

The Water Supply continues to be satisfactory as to quality and quantity. No restriction was enforced, although at one time it was thought this might be necessary. A Chlorinating Plant has been installed for treating the supply.

## 2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No special work of Sewerage or Sewage Disposal has been carried out during the year. No complaints were received as to smell from the works. The land was cultivated and a mangold crop raised. The chlorination of the Sewage continues.

## 3. Rivers and Streams.

Complaints were received during the year as to tar and oil flowing into the river from the Gas Works and the matter was taken up with the company. They have dealt with the matter and at the time of writing there is very little evidence of a leakage.

## 4. Public Mortuary.

The Public Mortuary has again been of service to the Borough and Rural District.

## 5. Swimming Baths and Pools.

The bathing place in the river was again well patronised.

## 6. Factories.

No matter calls for special attention except the smell from the Paint Works mentioned at the beginning of the report.

## 7. Schools.

There is nothing special to report under this head.





#### D. HOUSING.

The matter of housing has been in abeyance during the war. There is however a waiting list of about a hundred applicants.

#### E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

##### (a) Milk Supply.

Visits have been made to the farms supplying milk to the town.

There are thirty one Registered Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

##### (b) Meat and other Foods.

All slaughtering is now done at the Government Slaughterhouse. This has enabled the Sanitary Inspector to carry out regular visits to inspect the meat.

#### F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

##### General.

Six cases of Scarlet Fever occurred during 1941.

There were three cases of Diphtheria notified, all in one family, a mother and two children.

There was also a slight epidemic of whooping cough during June, July and August.

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1941.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to hospital.</u>
Diphtheria.	3	3
Scarlet Fever.	6	6
Pneumonia.	11	-
Measles .	5.	-
Whooping Cough.	26.	-

Janet C. Ronaldson.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

